

September 15, 1997

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. in the courthouse, with all present. Minutes of the 9/8 meeting were approved as corrected, motioned by Darle, second by Les and passed. The correction is that the pipe was under the road at Todd Rager's driveway on CR 600 W, not under his driveway. Commissioners reviewed the BENICOMP insurance monthly report and the hours of Jail/Memorial Hall custodian. Commissioners signed an agreement to continue with Dan Clark, now of Universal Valuation Consultants, Inc., for the annual appraisals of county properties. Commissioners signed the Fire and Rescue Truck Purchase Agreement with Chester Township prepared by County Attorney, Tom Mattern, already signed by Township Trustee, Florence Dahlstrom. Mr. Mattern also advised he will be filing suits in four cases brought by the Animal Control Board for failing to neuter adopted pets within the required six month time period set out in the Animal Control Ordinance of 1996. An agreement was signed at the time of the adoption, and they have been notified of the consequences of failure to comply. Commissioners reviewed additional quotes for courthouse parking lot repair, sealing and striping work from: Raceway Seal Coating for \$1,550., Gaunt & Son Asphalt for \$2,015. and Ranger Materials for \$2,089. After some discussion of the four options, Les motioned to accept the bid of Van Buskirk Asphalt Sealing for \$1,785., second by Darle and passed. The Auditor advised Commissioners there was a bad place on the east side of the north steps of the courthouse. They will look into getting it repaired.

Larry Rice, County Highway Dept.: 110 miles of chip and seal are completed, and double chip and seal on County Line Road South is being done today, with River Road (100 E) set for tomorrow. Larry will draft a letter to INDOT indicating the county wants the state to repair the bridge on CR 600 E before the county accepts old U.S. 24. Regarding the Miami Street bridge project, Larry says his crew will be doing some of the work.

Jane Skeans & Marilyn Rider, Board of Health: Commissioners approved their request to have the Health Department listed in next year's telephone directory for an initial set-up fee of \$6.65, then \$2.00 each month on the phone bill. Brian reported he had contacted Dr. Jeffrey Pyle, DVM, and he indicated he would be pleased to accept the appointment to the Board of Health, replacing Randy Greene. Les motioned to appoint Dr. Pyle to complete the term thru 1998 vacated by Dr. Greene, second by Darle and passed.

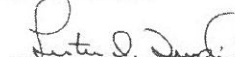
Pat Lynn of the Step Ahead Council and local coordinator for the Local Planning Council of the North Central Indiana Private Industry Council, joined Chester Township Trustee, Flo Dahlstrom, in encouraging Commissioners to refrain from joining the six county regional council. Their interpretation is that counties can either join the regional group or continue locally, and they feel local control would best serve Wabash County. The six counties include: Cass, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Tipton and Wabash.

Bob Luce, Butler Fairman & Seufert: Bob had a Right-of-way Engineering Agreement for Phases II and III of the Old St. Rd. 15 project, which Commissioners signed. He said federal funds should be available in January of 1998, with right-of-way purchase set for June of 1999 and bid letting in October of 1999 for Phase I. Projected county share for Phase I is \$153,000. per mile for .4 mile, Phase II is 4.2 mile at \$172,380., and Phase III is 3.6 mile at \$163,583.

Kelly Schenkel, Clerk: Kelly asked to have some of the window screens repaired and also wanted to make sure it was still alright to have painting done in her offices upstairs. Crystal Glass will look at the screens, and she may proceed with painting. She also offered to split the cost of a new copy machine for her office with the Commissioners. The machine is used by other offices, so Commissioners help with the expenses. Commissioners were agreeable to the offer, as they have funds for that in their 1998 budget. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Brian Hauptert, Chairman

  
Darle Dawes

  
Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:   
Carol Stefanatos